

### **REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed all currently pending claims, except for dependent claims 4, 13-14, and 23.<sup>1</sup> Dependent claims 4-5, 13-14, and 23 were previously withdrawn as being directed to non-elected species. As indicated in Applicants' previous responses, however, independent claims 1 and 22 read on each of the identified species and are thus generic. Because both independent claim 1 and 22 have now been allowed, Applicants request reinstatement of claims 4-5, 13-14, and 23 directed to non-elected species as these claims are fully embraced by the allowed generic claims 1 and 22. See e.g., M.P.E.P. §809.02(c).

It is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. Examiner Nolan is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this response.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

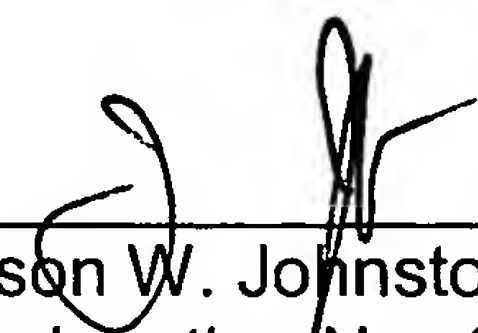
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<sup>1</sup> The Examiner also objected to the formal nature of the title. Applicants have amended the title pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion. Further, in item 8, the Examiner suggested addition of the language "when done" to claims 1 and 22 after the language "intermixing" for sake of clarity. However, Applicants submit that such claims satisfy all requirements for patentability set forth in 35 U.S.C. §101, *et. seq.* In any event, Applicants do not necessarily agree that intermixing must be "done" before causing the reactants to undergo an endothermic or exothermic reaction.

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